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Attorney Docket Number	44018-0001
First Named Inventor	INGRAHAM
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Application Number	/
Filing Date	
Group Art Unit	
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

BASE SIGN WITH INTEGRAL SIGNAGE AND METHOD FOR
ITS FABRICATION

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto

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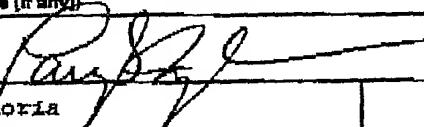
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ROPPE CORPORATION, an Ohio Corporation, doing business at 1602 N. Union Street, Fostoria, Ohio 44830-1158, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in said invention, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States that may be obtained therefor;

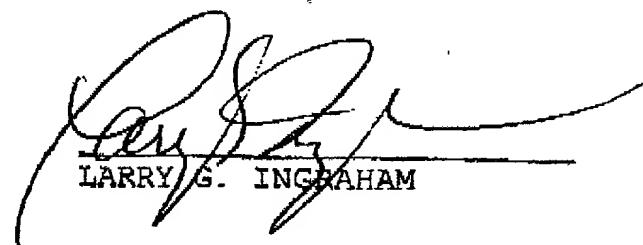
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In the presence of:



LARRY G. INGRAHAM